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Legion W.A. Meel

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., held their regular meeting in the Legion Hall Thursday evening. There was a very small attendance owing to the cold weather.

The meeting was conducted by the president Mrs. J. Bell. Minutes were read and approved. Many letters were read. A donation was voted to each of the following: polio campaign and Gleichen Legion.

The meeting decided to serve dinner at the Recreation Centre at noon and lunch for the rest of the day to those competing in the zone play-off Tuesday.

After a march of dimes lunch was served and a pleasant time enjoyed over the tea cups.

FROM THE FILES OF THE CALL TWENTY YEARS AGO

R. S. Haskayne, proprietor of the Pioneer Meat Market, has purchased the 35 acres, one mile west of town, formerly known as Pober's Fox Farm, but much better known as the Pacific Cold Storage Co. stockyards. Mr. Haskayne has been using the property for sometime in connection with his butcher business. Recently having an opportunity to purchase same did so. He will now be able to improve the place and keep a number of head of live stock on hand which his business demands.

Mr. Harrison states that the boys and girls have again this year fixed up the toboggan slide at his farm.

The mild weather for the past week has been a great relief for everyone. All have been able to take a rest from heaving coal into the stoves.

Raymond Menard as at last got his airplane, sled going over the roads. Assisted by a little manpower: the sleigh slides merrily over the countryside. The breeze from the propeller sort of keeps the occupants cool.

The Blackfoot Indian Community hall was opened the other night by G. Gooderham, Indian agent and dedicated by Rev. J. House, Anglican missionary on the reserve.

Pember Ostrander Indian agent at Broadview, arrived in town last week and spent several days visiting relatives.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. T. Bates and child left for Kimberley for a well earned vacation. This is the first holiday Mr. Bates has had since he took charge of the post office some thirteen years ago. Tom is a most obliging postmaster and his many friends are indeed glad to know he is taking a rest and hope he will thoroughly enjoy himself.

Jas. Black has decided that it does not pay to bet on another man's game. Bob Haskayne bet him that he could drive the mile to the slaughter house, kill and dress a steer, and be back in town in 25 minutes. The trick was done in the actual time of 22 minutes and 10 seconds. We are certain a couple of minutes could be lopped off the record if done over again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramberg of Keoma spent a few days in town last week on business.

Vern Sanders who is now located in Calgary was a visitor to town this week. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. Gilbert.

R. Harrison is spending a short holiday in Vancouver. Adolph Gut-rath, in the meantime is in charge of the store.

Const. Batts and his family have moved to their new residence on the reserve. Mr. Lindquist and family have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Batts.

Messrs R. P. Umbrite and A. F. Wilson left Monday for Edmonton to attend the annual U.F.A. convention. Mrs. J. uteshon and Mrs. Erford left Monday morning for the same place. They will represent the U.F.W.A.

Correspondence

Editor Gleichen Call:

Long experience has established that without the co-operation of the newspapers of Canada the

Christmas season would lack much that is vital to it as a festival of goodwill. Nowhere is that more clearly demonstrated than in the matters which concern the postal service.

As in former years, the post office was taxed to its utmost in the season just past to cope with the tidal wave of mail that descended upon it in the days preceding Christmas. The flood could have caused many dislocations but for the timely forewarning which the newspapers published for the guidance of their readers to mail early.

In many parts of Canada, the past Christmas brought the heaviest mailings the Canadian Postal service has ever had to deal with, and it is gratifying to record that public co-operation in early mailing was never more marked.

Always, of course, there are exceptions; some congestions did occur in two or three metropolitan centres where a wholly unprecedented last minute avalanche descended on local staffs, bringing about conditions that strained their powers to the limit. In those places, many people had ignored the counsel to mail early, holding back apparently in the belief that because of the success of previous mail early campaigns delivery by Christmas was an assured thing. Obviously there could not fail to be disappointments which might well have been averted had the late mailers taken the advice of those whose experience of many years prompted it.

Our own planning, which extends over many months, the intricate arrangements made long in advance, the checking and re-checking, would be of little avail if the public did not work with us. For that co-operation the post office staffs are most grateful. On their behalf, and on my own, I take this occasion to express my warmest thanks to the press and to the public at large, and to all our very best wishes for 1954.

W. J. TURNBULL,
Deputy Postmaster General, Ottawa.



H. J. Mather, B.Sc.,
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Plant Food Losses
Farmers of Western Canada over the past few years have enjoyed a series of bountiful harvests. No wonder many of us have gained the impression that our Western soils are inexhaustible. Let's take a look at the grim facts.

Plant Food Losses. The bumper crop of 1952, totalled some 1,291,000 bushels of wheat, oats and barley. This crop removed from the soil some 620,000 tons of Nitrogen, 295,000 tons of Phosphorus, and 146,000 tons of Potash. In addition it is conservatively estimated that the annual loss of plant food through erosion is equal to twice that removed by the growing crop. Then considering Nitrogen and Phosphorus only (we are well supplied with Potash), we lost in 1952 through cropping and erosion 1,860,000 tons of Nitrogen and 885,000 tons of Phosphorus.

Exhausting Soil Resources. Let's assess our losses of essential plant food in another way. The top three feet of a good soil contains about 7,000 lbs. of Nitrogen and 3,000 lbs. of Phosphorus per acre. Therefore the amount of Nitrogen and Phosphorus removed by cropping and lost to erosion in 1952 represents the total amount of these elements contained in some 480,000 acres of good soil. In plain words, we are using up each year through cropping and wasteful erosion an amount of plant food equivalent to that contained in almost a half million acres of good soil.

Plant Food Returned. In 1952, a total of approximately 16,500 tons of nitrogen, 40,000 tons of phosphate and 26 tons of potash were returned in the form of commercial fertilizer. When these figures are compared with the total amounts used by the crop and lost through erosion in 1952 a serious deficit is revealed.

Plan for the Future. It is time for us to consider the use of crop rotations and commercial fertilizer to maintain soil fertility.

Our soils have been good to us. Let us be good to them.

Essential freedoms and vital rights have been lost in Canada because there is no one who is making and enforcing our laws has the power to save freedom rights. Materialism dominates government. Two types of persons reflect the majority mind in law making and enforcement. The mathematical type conceives that every human need can be expressed in figures and made to balance neatly in the total life of the country. The legalists think that all human behavior can be codified and made to conform to law. With the blessing of majority votes our lawmakers build our legal structure upon the sand of materialism. The intangibles of personal natural rights, the only sound foundation for the political structure of a nation and the United Nations organization, cannot be preserved in the political factionism that has supplanted true democracy. Unless personal rights are put back in place as the foundation of our nation, totalitarianism will destroy it.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our recent sad bereavement.

MRS. J. CAMPS and FAMILY

Winters are cold in the interior of Newfoundland but are more moderate along the coast.

Harry E. Brown

Harry Edwin Brown a resident of the Arrowwood district for many years died at his farm home Friday evening a the age of 63 years. Mr. Brown had not enjoyed good health for many years.

He was born in Appin, Ontario, and came to Gleichen 43 years ago where he was in business for many years. About 30 years ago he moved to Arrowwood to engage in farming but several years later he was compelled to cease active work owing to illness.

Surviving are his wife, Florence, two daughters, Mrs. C. Bannister of Arrowwood and Dorothy in South America; two sons Freddy and Bob of Arrowwood.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock with services being conducted in the Brethren Church, Arrowwood, Rev. Mr. Clark officiating. Interment was made in the family plot in Mount View cemetery. G. W. Evans was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The pall bearers were all old friends, namely: R. Haskayne, T. Board, R. Stabback, F. Miller, M. Norton and R. Culp.

Virtually an unknown art in Canada a few years ago, ballet now is being studied by 20,000 students in registered schools.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS



ALBERTA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Employment and prosperity for the citizen result when industry processes Alberta's raw materials within the province. Your government, through its progressive and sound legislation, stable administration, its deep conviction in the principles of free enterprise, and its unbiased attitude toward labor-management relations, encourages industries to locate in Alberta.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD prepares economic surveys, maps and industrial information bulletins regarding industrial possibilities of Alberta towns and cities; and distributes these to industrialists all over the world. All sections of the province are studied in detail, and industrial policies are designed to benefit the province as a whole.

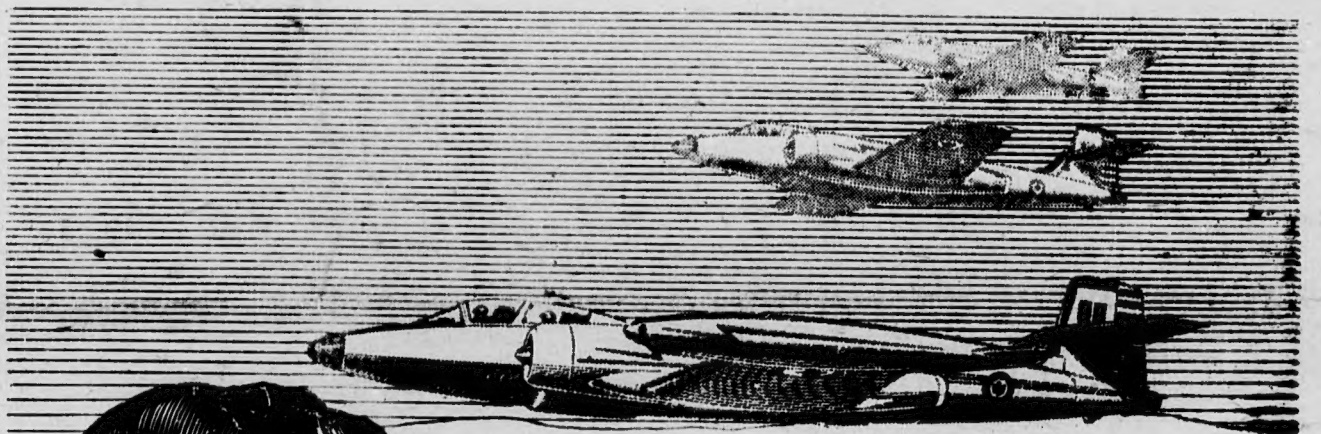
THE ALBERTA RESEARCH COUNCIL conducts vitally important surveys into availabilities and size of industrial mineral deposits. The Council experiments with new mechanical and technical processes designed to aid industry.

PROSPERITY THROUGH INDUSTRY. Supporting Agriculture, which is the province's main economic activity, there are now 2,000 manufacturing plants with an annual payroll of \$40,000,000, and a production of \$500,000,000 worth of goods and materials each year.

To this excellent record of industrial achievement can be added such new plants as Canadian Chemical Co. Ltd., producing acetate, chemicals and filament yarns; Canadian Industries Limited producing polythene flakes; and the refinery of Sherritt-Gordon Ltd., for the recovery of nickel, copper and cobalt. Establishment of these and allied industries indicate a bright industrial future for Alberta and new prosperity for its people.



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Manitobans '53 Grain Crop Second Largest In History

Although in some respects, the farm picture is not as good as it has been in the past three years, the 1953 crop is second largest in history and its quality has rarely been better. Prices for many farm products are reasonably stable and prospects for marketing most grains and a large volume of livestock products are at least fair.

This was the appraisal made by Manitoba's minister of agriculture, Hon. R. D. Robertson, in a recent "Provincial Affairs" broadcast.

Mr. Robertson forecast that in 1954, livestock production generally will be higher than it has been for some time. The new variety of rust-resistant wheat will be available in small quantities for individual farmers, he added, and it should be possible to increase stocks to take care of most of the demand in 1955.

Although the large grain crop created some concern regarding its delivery and sale, the minister said, movement to date is encouraging. Approximately 45.3 per cent. of total stocks available for delivery have been delivered, he added.

Despite above-average yield throughout the province, some areas suffered considerable damage due to unsatisfactory seeding conditions and excessive rainfall later. Several types of aid are available to take care of the situation, Mr. Robertson stated, but should they prove inadequate, the government has indicated it will reconsider the situation in flooded areas.

To assist repair to major damage caused to such capital works as drainage, bridges and roads, the province adopted a policy of restoration which to date has cost \$235,000. This does not include federal assistance through P.F.R.A. projects nor municipal contributions, it was pointed out.

In drainage maintenance districts, the government agreed to pay five-sixths the cost of restoring these works, the remaining one-sixth to be borne by the district. Outside the drainage maintenance districts, the provincial government agreed to assist municipalities on the same basis as the original roads, bridges, etc., had been built; i.e., if initially the government had paid two-thirds the cost of a road, then it agreed to assume two-thirds cost of restoring the same road.

In each case, if the financial burden proves too great for the municipalities, the provincial government will carry the entire cost of the projects up to a period of two years.

Legislation has also been designed to assist farmers who, due to poor harvest conditions, are unable to supply either feed for livestock or seed for the following year.

Responsibility for such assistance rests with the municipalities, the minister stated, because municipal councillors are in a much better position to know local conditions and individual cases and therefore decide what assistance is required.

Should a municipality be financially unable to give assistance in this regard, however, it may apply to the province to guarantee necessary loans. In unorganized territory, the province takes the place of the municipality.

Direct assistance in the form of food and clothing is also the initial responsibility of municipal councils, the minister said, but provincial assistance to municipalities in giving such relief totals some \$500,000 at present.

Despite requests from delegations, the situation has not been declared a national emergency, Mr. Robertson stated, because no request so far has been beyond the capacity of the municipalities or of the municipalities and province combined.

Changes in the Prairie Farm Assistance Act have been suggested by the provincial government which would allow more farmers to qualify for payments than the present set-up permits, Mr. Robertson stated. As Manitoba farmers have not received over the years nearly as much money under the act as producers paid in one per cent. deductions on their grain deliveries, he said, it is felt that they are entitled to special consideration under the act.

The act must be amended to comply with the requests, however, and no decision will be made by the federal government until the present survey being conducted in the province is completed.

It is not necessary, the minister emphasized, for any situation to be declared a national emergency in order that an application to the National Disaster Fund might be approved.

Duncairn Dam Work Completed

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.—The renovation and improvement of Duncairn Dam has been completed by the P.F.R.A. following the disastrous floods of 1952 Spring. It has now been announced. The concrete spillway has been enlarged, strengthened, and is considered a very safe structure. The conduit through the bottom of the dam has been lengthened and overhauled. This conduit allows for the delivery of water for riparian rights and for irrigation water. Altogether, the Duncairn Dam and reservoir is in first class condition, and should require little maintenance for many years to come. It is one of the largest earth fill structures in Western Canada, being second to the St. Mary and Travers Dam in southern Alberta. There are many purposes it serves, including domestic water supply for the 25,000 acre tract between Swift Current and Morse.

NEW KIND OF MINCE PIE

4 cups seedless raisins; 1/2 cup white corn syrup; 1/4 cup water; 3 tablespoons vinegar; 1 tablespoon butter; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon cloves; 1/2 teaspoon all-spice; 1/2 teaspoon mace; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 2 drops maple flavoring; 1 cup unsweetened applesauce and pastry for 4 (8-inch) crusts.

Mince pie, a traditional holiday dessert, takes on new flavor and texture when applesauce is used instead of chopped apples.

This recipe, enough to fill two pie shells, also calls for a few drops of maple flavoring.

The ingredients: Rinse raisins in hot water. Drain and chop 3 cups raisins. Combine corn syrup, water, vinegar, butter, spices, salt and flavoring in a saucepan and bring to boil. Add chopped raisins and simmer 5 minutes. Add whole raisins, remove from heat and blend with applesauce. Pour into 2 pastry-lined pans and cover with top crusts. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) 25 to 30 minutes.

Funny and Otherwise

Husband: I'm going to make a resolution not to drink any more.
Wife: Not to drink any more! What's the use of that? You couldn't possibly drink any more.

Father: "Get up, son, the day's half gone. What do you suppose Abraham Lincoln was doing when he was your age?"
Son: "Haven't the slightest idea, but I know what he was doing when he was your age."

"You'll really marry me, darling?" exclaimed the enraptured young man. He proceeded: "And when we are married the dark clouds will roll away, the sky will—"

"Don't make it a weather forecast — kiss me," said the practical girl.

"How the deuce," asked the instructor on the rifle range, "have you got those four straight bulls? Your range is six hundred yards, but your sight is set at three hundred." Said the recruit: "See that little rock half-way along? Well, I'm bouncing 'em off that."

"Do you love me for myself alone?"
"I do. And when we're married I don't want any of the family thrown in."

Magistrate: "What is your age? Remember, you are on oath."
Woman: "Twenty-one and some months."

"How many months?"
"One hundred and eight."

Daughter (romantically): "Cecil has character. You can see it in his eyes."
Father (angrily): "If I see that fellow hanging around here any more, I'll blacken his character."

"Is your father the kind of man who would pursue you if you eloped?"
"No; he's the kind of man who'd move so that you couldn't find him when you came back."

The curate of a country church had preached a sermon on charity, and after the service he was told by one of the wardens that the collection amounted to \$80.
"Well," said the curate with pardonable pride, "that proves my sermon touched them."
"No doubt it did, sir," replied the warden, "but the squire put in a \$50 cheque and he's dead."

"How is your son getting on with his medical studies?"
"Very well, thank you," replied the proud mother. "He can already cure very small children."

"That's Mrs. Wippleton. I've heard that she's had her face lifted."
"Has she? Well, the lift must have been out of order!"

IN MANITOBA

W. S. Frazer Appointed As Grain Commissioner

OTTAWA.—The Minister of Trade and Commerce announced the appointment of Walter Spence Frazer, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, as Assistant Commissioner, Board of Grain Commissioners, for the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. Frazer was born in Beulah, Manitoba, in 1907, the son of James A. Frazer, graduated in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1930, and joined the Department of Agriculture in the Province of Manitoba. He served in the capacity of Livestock Specialist, Agricultural Representative, and finally Assistant Director of the Extension Service of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. In addition to his regular duties, he was the Manitoba Director of the Agricultural Institute of Canada from 1951 to 1953, Past President of the Winnipeg Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and is at present a Manitoba Director of the Canadian Council of Forage Clubs.

Mr. Frazer will assume his new duties on January 15th.

SOUVENIR EXPERT

VANCOUVER.—Harold Smith successful manufacturer of souvenirs with the help of his wife and two children. His products range from hand-painted ties to owls made of fir cones, and outdoor scenes painted on glass.

The peach has long been cultivated in China and was written about 2,000 years before its introduction to the Roman world.

APPETIZING RECIPES



The easy-to-make Toasted Egg Fluff served on buttered rounds makes an attractive dish for that all-important meal of the day.

Toasted Egg Fluff

Four eggs, separated, 1/2 tsp. salt, 4 buttered rounds or rusks. Whip the egg whites and salt until stiff enough to hold a peak. Pile the beaten egg whites on each toast round, making a depression in the centre of each. Place 1 egg yolk in each depression. Bake in a shallow pan in a moderate oven (350 deg. F.) for 20 minutes. Yield: 4 Toasted Egg Fluffs. Piping hot French toast really

shines at breakfast for it takes little time to turn out golden-brown crunchy slices. And all you need to prepare it are eggs, butter, milk and bread, preferably French bread if you like your toast to have a custard-like consistency. French toast variations are endless for you may use whole wheat bread, raisin bread, orange bread. You may add a subtle hint of spice by introducing a pinch of nutmeg, cinnamon, cardamom or ginger to the dipping mixture.

Record Number Of Foreign Vehicle Entries In November

Foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits set a new November record of 99,192 this year, 13 per cent. above a year earlier. Entries were 10 per cent. more numerous in the first 11 months this year at 2,428,728. All provinces shared in both increases. Distribution of November entries was: Ontario, 50,884 (45,313 last year); Quebec, 19,913 (18,385); British Columbia, 14,310 (12,727); New Brunswick, 9,189 (7,798); Manitoba, 1,877 (1,490); Yukon, 1,151 (751); Saskatchewan, 915 (722); Alberta, 893

(805); Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, by ship, 60 (25). January-November entries: Ontario, 1,496,027 (1,330,325); Quebec, 369,328 (381,800); British Columbia, 270,634 (251,089); New Brunswick, 152,728 (144,840); Alberta, 43,763 (41,952); Manitoba, 38,440 (38,799); Saskatchewan, 20,513 (18,689); Yukon, 7,641 (6,752); Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, by ship, 2,652 (2,235).

MOOSOMIN GETS FIRST TV AERIAL

MOOSOMIN, Sask.—Moosomin's first television aerial went up Dec. 19 on the garage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bradley.

The first day, no pictures came in on the screen, but the correct hook up of the set has first to be checked. Perhaps when Regina's TV station begins operating Moosomin will be able to pick up programs, at least under good conditions, from either Minot, N.D., or Regina.

Siamese twins are so called because the original twins, Chang and Eng, were born in Siam.

Rural School Run In Heart Of Vancouver

VANCOUVER.—A country school in the heart of Vancouver is giving tyro teachers bound for rural postings an idea of what is in store for them.

Twenty-five children from seven to fourteen years of age are attending classes in the single class room. Like their country cousins, they wash up in tin pails and warm their mittens in winter before a stove.

Miss Helen Grier started the classes on the normal school grounds in 1941 and says the one-room unit produces the best adjusted children and the finest citizens.

Recently the pupils staged a creative theatre program in the school auditorium, enacting scenes from children's books.

Miss Grier believes children should do their own creating, so there was no written script. Each performer extemporized.

"We don't choose our rural school children on their scholastic ability, but rather their ability to get along with one another," said Miss Grier. "Here they learn to work on their own. Older ones help the smaller ones. By keeping their ears open they pick up knowledge that often is years ahead of their grade."

Some students remain with Miss Grier from grade one to grade eight.

NEW RAT BOOK

A new pamphlet on the common rat, now available from the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, describes methods by which the rat problem may be kept down. The publication is also available from Manitoba agricultural representatives.

Prepared by A. Savage, M.R.C.V.S., veterinary laboratory, University of Manitoba, the publication describes rat poisons and other control methods. Unless these methods are used, frequently or over a long time, the problem is likely to recur, the paper warns.

"Once the common rat has invaded a farm, granary or town, chances are it will persist and increase," it is pointed out. Complete extermination of the rat should be the objective, the paper emphasizes.

Do You Know That...

The trumpet call of the whooping crane can be heard for about three miles.

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Very first-use of soothing, cooling, liquid D.D.D. Prescription positively relieves raw red itch—caused by eczema, rashes, scalp irritation, chafing—other itchy troubles. Greasy! Watery! A/c trial bottle must satisfy or money back. Ask your druggist for D.D.D. PRESCRIPTION.

Patterns 32-Inch Boy Doll!



7175 by Alice Brooks

He wears boys' size-2 clothes—stands 32 inches high—and no matter what your age, you can't resist him! A real playmate for a lucky child—the hit of the bazaar!

Use flesh-colored fabric for his body, straw yarn for hair. Pattern 7175: pattern for 32-inch doll only.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to:

Household Arts Department, Prairie Publishers Limited, 60 Front Street W., Toronto. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

TEN COMPLETE PATTERNS to sew, embroider, crochet—printed right in the Alice Brooks Needlecraft Book! Plus many more patterns to send for—including ideas for gifts, home accessories, toys, fashions! Send 25 cents now!

Home Workshop
Terraced top brings work level with portable machine.
SEWING MACHINE CABINET ON STAND
PATTERN 371
CHAIR PATTERN 224

This terraced stand is another case where necessity was the mother of invention. It is the result of a vain search for a ready-made stand for my portable sewing machine. It had to be the right height for the machine and have a terrace that provides a broad surface on a level with the machine foot to support the work smoothly. When typing the terrace holds the copy at easy reading distance. There is a storage space for one machine as well as a shelf and two easy-to-make drawers for materials. The patterns are so complete that any weekend cabinet maker can build these pieces with ordinary hand tools. Order patterns by number enclosing 35c for one or 70c for both chair and desk.



Shelves often may be as attractive as a picture for use in an important wall space. Providing, of course, they are made with good lines and proportions. When such shelves are arranged with flowers, figurines or small objects that one likes to collect, they bring a room to life with color and interest. On today's pattern there is an even dozen designs that may be used in either modern or period rooms. The lines to follow in sawing out the pieces are traced directly onto the wood. The interlocking style of joints makes assembling easy, as no brads or screws are used. A copy of this pattern will be mailed for 35c. It is also included in the Living Room Packet No. 1 at price of \$1.50.

Home Workshop Pattern Service, Prairie Publishers Limited, 4435 West Fifth Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Until around 1850, the world knew little about tea, because foreigners rarely penetrated the hostile interior of China where it was grown.

Hot-Water GINGERBREAD

Grease an 8-inch square cake pan and line bottom with greased paper. Preheat oven to 325° (rather slow). Mix and sift three times 2 c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 1 1/4 c. once-sifted all-purpose flour), 2 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. grated nutmeg. Cream 5 tbsps. shortening; gradually blend in 1 1/4 c. lightly-packed brown sugar and 1/4 c. molasses; add 2 well-beaten eggs part at a time, beating well after each addition; stir in 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture about a third at a time, combining lightly after each addition; gently stir in 1/2 c. boiling water. Turn into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven about 45 minutes.

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PEGGY —By Chuck Thurston



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

THE LISTENING HEART

By Maud Bright Spangenburg

THERE was a gathering blizzard outside, which accentuated the security of the bedroom where Sarah Mansfield leisurely dozed. She crept quietly into bed, and, drawing the warm covers about her shoulders, relaxed into a dreamless sleep.

A child's shrill cry awakened her. Her physical reactions were automatic. Her toes slid across the rag rug searching for slippers, while she belted on a heavy robe. But her mind was groggily reaching backward to the comfortable oblivion of wool blankets.

"Gosh! what a yell," her husband muttered sleepily. "Which one was that?"

"Likely Clement. Too much pie for supper, I suppose." She closed the window sharply, and moved heavily to the door. It was warm and cozy in the sitting room, a dull glow behind the window of the big heater. She sensed a reluctance to enter the chilly hall, and in her mind was born a question. Passing the table, she picked up a night light, and mounted the narrow staircase to the attic room. There was no sound, as of one child assuring another that mother was coming. And the children were all asleep, two little boys and two little girls.

She walked from one bed to another, raised the light and peered at their faces. Just a few minutes ago one had called out

to her, but now she could not be sure whom.

That was strange. A vague uneasiness possessed her. She always knew which child called the second a voice penetrated her dreams, and when Dave asked, "Which one is it?" she could only say, "Clement's having a nightmare," or "Sally's toothache," while her mind hurried before her up the steps to the bedside.

Yes, her thoughts always sped on ahead, and she would move quickly to the ailing child. But tonight her movements were hesitant, and her body was impelled by habit rather than certainty.

She put the light back and looked out at the storm. A strong wind blew snow against the pane. Then came a second of silence, as if the mountain were holding its breath for another blast.

A moving light in the drive caught her eye, and she hurried to the kitchen. She was alert now; and opening the door, her thoughts made racing preparations to aid a stricken neighbor.

"Come in, Mr. Petley," she said. "I'll be ready in just a minute, and you can tell me what's wrong on our way back."

"But I came to see what was wrong here. Liz said she heard one of your kids scream terrible, and we thought 'twas took with some bad pain. Which one is it?" Again Sarah's mind fumbled.

"Just a nightmare, I think," she answered slowly. "And to tell the truth I do not know which child called. They're all sound asleep."

His hand sought the doorknob. "Wonder if Liz had a dream?"

"No. I woke up, and so did Dave. The wind must have stopped and the sound travelled your way."

"Funny one of the others didn't wake up. But I guess youngsters do sleep tight," he muttered as the door closed behind him.

Yes, it was queer, because Ethel slept lightly. But it was more unusual that Sarah did not know which child called. She passed her hand across her eyes. There must be something she should do. The fires were all right, and she had wound the clock. Yet a nagging memory kept stirring, impelling her toward the stove.

There were voices in the driveway, and she recognized Tom Daily. He was at the gate with Sam Petley, and she caught the words, "Every one asleep," as the two men strode off.

Sarah went back upstairs. The blessedness of a place where, though in the country, people lived close together and a need in one home brought quick response from another!

She shivered into bed. But questions demanded answers. Why hadn't she gone to Tommy's bed when she had said it was likely Clement? She must be over-tired, getting disturbed because of her children's bad dream and called in an off key.

She snuggled closer to Dave. Her body relaxed in the warmth. It was so easy to drowse off. But there was something she must remember. What could it be? Which child had called, and why?

Suddenly she was wide awake. She knew! It was the nearness of the call. It could have been on her pillow. But it was a child's voice. Somewhere in the room maybe? Or perhaps, perhaps from the window. It was near, so near; not at a neighbor's; but close beside her. And it was not one of her children.

Sarah was frightened. She slid cautiously out of the bed and raised the window. She was afraid to look outside, but could not help herself.

"Dave," she called widely. "Dave, there is a child out there, huddled between the chimney and the stoop."

Her husband sprang out of bed, across the room, and into the storm. She had only time to turn on the drafts of the stove before he staggered in again, and she reached for his burden, holding the child in arms accustomed to curving little bodies.

She was sure of herself now, and knew some power beyond human understanding had been working through to her.

Later she would learn that a kidnapped child had been dropped at her gate by frightened abductors, but right now she did not question how he had come to her. All that mattered was that he was here for her to care for, a needy child whose life depended on her ministrations. As he responded to her efforts she sensed a great wave of thankfulness for the anguished uneasiness which had possessed her; an uneasiness born of a woman's sensitive heart which registered the child's cry of agony even while her mind was drugged in sleep.

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JANA KAY VICKERS, 6 and her Christmas doll, are doing nicely after both suffered broken legs when hit by an automobile as they crossed a downtown intersection in Memphis, Texas. Hospital attendants patched up the doll's leg for Jana.

Traffic Fatalities That Might Have Been Avoided:

Traffic accidents seldom "just happen." R. B. Baillie, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, illustrates this statement in a synopsis of conditions surrounding each of the fatal traffic accidents which claimed the lives of 14 Manitobans during the month of November.

Could you have been responsible, he asks, for any of the fatalities described here:

—Driver killed. Disregarded railway "stop" sign and crashed into a train, three people severely injured. Driver had no previous driving record, but failed to pass a driving test due to going through a "stop" sign. Was driving on an Instruction Permit at time of fatal crash.

—Pedestrian killed when driver overdriving his headlights on an icy road was unable to see pedestrian in time to avoid a collision. Driver had no previous driving record.

—Driver killed when vehicle he was driving overturned. Driver who apparently fell asleep at the wheel was driving for 12 hours without rest prior to accident.

—Driver killed when he crashed into a train at a level railway crossing. Engineer states he blew whistle 1/4 mile from crossing when he saw the vehicle approaching. Driver made no attempt to stop.

Alberta Drill Survey Reveals Weedy Seed

A sample of barley, taken from a seed drill in Alberta last spring, contained the following weed seeds per pound: 856 wild oats, 368 wild buckwheat, 272 stinkweed, 224 ball mustard, 156 lamb's quarters.

This is an extreme example of neglect of seed grain, says R. L. Pharis, supervisor of crop improvement, Alberta Department of Agriculture, but survey results indicate that too many farmers are content to sow weed-infested seed grain. Of 1,119 samples taken from seed drills last spring, 37.5 per cent. would not grade as seed, and were rejected; only 33 per cent. of the samples graded No. 1 seed, the minimum standard for any farmer who cares about the quality of seed he sows.—Western Producer.



Setting Up Of Milking Parlor Cuts Milking Time In Half

KRONAU, Sask.—Cows have been put to work in a new approach to dairying on a farm near this hamlet 25 miles southeast of Regina. The Eli brothers, Joe and Adam, have set up what they call a "loose housing" barn and a "milking parlor". It's all part of a scheme to take some of the back-bending out of caring for their 28 head of cows.

"We found we can milk each cow in half the time it used to take," Adam says. "I wouldn't go back to the old system."

The brothers now can put their herd through the milking machines in 45 minutes. It used to take twice that long.

"One man can handle it now and the other take the weekend off," Adam says. "The other way, when you were finished, you were just played out."

And the brothers have found their milk output has increased by 33 per cent. since they started using the new milking parlor a month or so ago.

At one time, like most farmers, they milked cows by hand, besides doing all the other barn chores. The difficulty in getting farm labor and the need to cut

down on the work of the farmer himself forced changes.

The biggest change has been introduction of the loose housing system and the milking parlor, making cows do part of the work.

In loose housing, cows wander around the barn at will. They help themselves to forage from racks in the centre of the barn and water themselves from a trough.

Come milking time they go into the parlor, a separate area in the barn, to the milking machines. The cows leave by a second door to return to the main barn again.

The floor of the parlor is about three feet above the level of the barn, reducing stooping. Cows, after walking up a ramp, are locked in by a gate.

Joe and Adam have found the system works, but other dairy farmers are afraid the scheme won't work on the prairies because of the low temperatures. The Eli brothers say they were in doubt themselves so they travelled to the University of Saskatchewan which started the plan to find out more about it.

"We thought maybe the cows wouldn't go into the milking parlor," said Adam.

They found out differently and went ahead. They worked long hours to set up the system, ripping down their old stall barn and building a new one. Neighbors helped do the job.

Extend Thatcher Wheat To All Alberta Areas

EDMONTON.—Thatcher wheat now is the only grain recommended for all growing zones in Alberta, Agriculture Minister Ure said as he announced the grain variety recommendations for various sections of the province next year.

The report, made by the Alberta seed board and the provincial committee on grain varieties, recommended the extension of Thatcher to Grey-wooded zones and the Peace River black soil areas.

Extension of the southern and southeastern area for Chinook, the new sawfly resistant wheat, was announced.

Montcalm barley no longer is recommended for production in any part of Alberta.

Changes in oats varieties affect only the southeastern part of the province, where Eagle and Exeter replace Ajax and Victory.

Redwood and Rocket, two flax varieties which have been under test, now are recommended for a number of zones and Dakota flax has been dropped.

Mr. Ure said Selkirk wheat and Rodney oats will be under test next year.

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Six Basic Winter Driving Rules...

Motorists have been reminded of six basic winter driving rules by J. A. Christie, Chairman of the Sask. Highway Traffic Board. They are:

1. Be prepared to meet any situation by driving carefully at all times. Don't blame the weatherman for an accident.

2. Get the feel of the road by trying brakes occasionally while driving slowly. Find out just how slippery the road is and adjust your speed to road and weather conditions.

3. Keep the windshield, front side windows and rear window clear of snow and ice. Be sure that headlights, windshield wiper blades and defrosters are in top condition.

4. Tire chains cut stopping distances by about 50 per cent. on snow and ice, and give four to seven times more starting and climbing traction ability. But even with the help of chains, slower than normal speeds are a must for winter drivers.

5. Pump your brakes to slow down or stop. Jamming them on can lock the wheels and throw the car into a dangerous skid.

6. Keep well back of the vehicle ahead—give yourself room to stop.

LIKES FLYING

YORKTON, Sask.—"This is certainly faster than that old team of oxen we used to have," said Mrs. I. E. Bell of Ninga, Man., as she alighted from an airplane here. She made her first flight last summer at the age of 92 and has since become an enthusiastic air-traveller.

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—By Les Carroll



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HERE AND THERE

Some places in the district were really cold Saturday. In Gleichen it was 42 below zero; the River bridge 47 below; Sobart, Geo. McBean 52 below and O. Desjardine reports he had them all beat on Crowfoot Creek with 58 below zero.

Owing to the cold weather, the ladies bonspiel has been postponed.

The annual meeting of the local Red Cross Society will be held on Friday evening in the school auditorium. Meeting commences at 8 o'clock.

Bill Blaney took a rink to the Rockyford bonspiel and captured the merchant event. The other players on Bill's rink were Allen Quenell third, Ray Cunningham second, and Floyd Sammons lead.

Since 1883, when wheat production and exports really commenced in Western Canada, it has always

been known that Canada's hopes to maintain her grain exports have been based on superior quality; because we are a long way from the seaboard. There is but one way by which that high quality in field crops can be maintained, which is by the use of some registered seed. These days the competition to sell grain on the market of the world is keener and more severe than it has been for many years past. Never, then, has it been more important for Canadian farmers to use more registered seed than it is at the present time. Just a few bushels of registered seed sown on a few clean acres of summerfallow is all that is necessary. This will provide enough high quality seed to sow many times the acreage the following year, and soon a farmer's whole crop will be of that high quality so demanded and sought for by overseas buyers. Spending a little money then for registered seed is the best investment that our prairie farmers can ever make to advance the successful sale of their products and so to

advance their own material future.—World of Wheat.

In the early days of collective bargaining, management stood between labor and the consumers. It was not the official representative of the latter; but it was responsible for selling the products of industry, and therefore in the best position to know what prices the consumers could be induced to pay for them. Then the politicians conceived the idea of intervening in labor disputes in the interest of what they called industrial peace. They established government machinery for settling disputes quickly when the process of collective bargaining seemed too slow. Management soon learned that it had more to fear from governments than from the unions and that governments were more afraid of the unions than of the consuming public. The upshot of this kind of conciliation was that management no longer stood between labor and the consumers but was made to stand in a corner like a bad boy, while the others decided what to do with it. Thus

management has been cowed till it sees no reason why it should fight to keep prices down when the people's own government supports those who would force them up. There is practically no resistance to day to labor's recurring demands for a larger and larger share of the nation's output. And have we industrial peace? Far from it. Strikes today are aimed at the general public, for the unions have learned that making the public suffer is the quickest way of bringing the government into a dispute. Who speaks for the public now?

Official statistics show that in the next four years the engineering courses of Canadian universities will graduate only 50 per cent of the engineering talent required to fill immediate needs of the Dominion.

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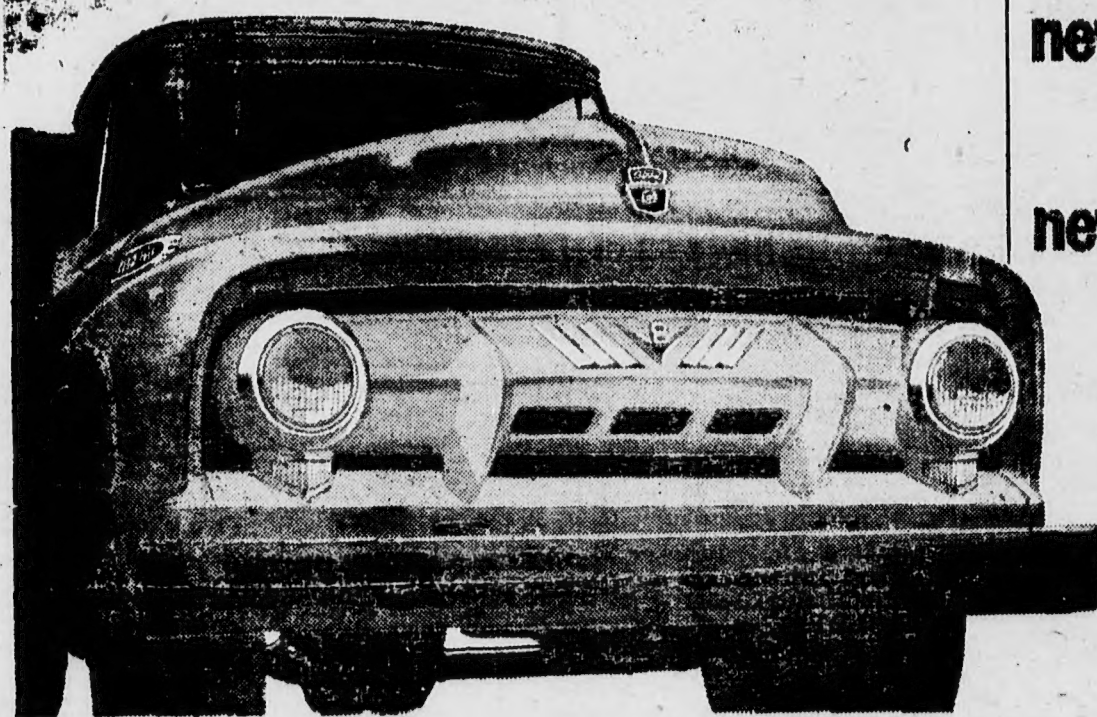
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